

*****Media Advisory*****

House Passes Economic Recovery Plan, Including Critical Investments to Provide Education Relief in the Mahoning Valley

Rep. Wilson to celebrate education investment on Tuesday in Canfield

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson (OH-6) voted in favor of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which will provide significant relief for Ohio's Mahoning Valley, as part of a broader effort to save and create jobs and rebuild the economy. The legislation was passed by the House by a vote of 246 to 183.

This legislation will provide immediate relief to schools in the Mahoning Valley who will see an increase in Title I and IDEA funds over two years to help low-income and students with disabilities. The plan also creates a state stabilization fund of more than \$1.8 billion for Ohio to save jobs by staving off layoffs and harmful cuts to education. States could also use these funds to create new jobs by repairing, renovating and modernizing schools and colleges, providing students with clean, healthy, safe, energy-efficient and state-of-the-art learning classrooms and campuses.

Economists and scientists across the political spectrum have told lawmakers that strategic investments in education will help Americans become stronger and more productive. By creating an economic stabilization fund to help states restore cuts in education funding and prevent deeper layoffs, this package will also help local and state school officials keep teachers in Mahoning Valley classrooms.

"Education funding is a key part of the compromise recovery package," Wilson said. "It was reduced a bit in the compromise, but there's still millions in there to help create jobs and at the same time modernize our schools. And what better investment is there, than investing in our children?"

Rep. Wilson will celebrate the federal investment in change at the Canfield Middle School on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

WHO: Congressman Charlie Wilson, Superintendent Dante Zambrini of Canfield Local Schools

WHAT: School tour and media availability to discuss the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

WHERE: Canfield Local Middle School
100 Wadsworth Street
Canfield, Ohio

WHEN: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

WHY: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will help Ohio's Students, Teachers, Workers and Families